CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 6252308-1-320x240[1].jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700557.002

Medium: Computer Image File

Distributor: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 01 November 2017

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 01 November 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a sexually explicit drawing of child sexual abuse between a mother and two of her children from the television series 'The Simpsons'. It has been classified as objectionable under s3(3)(a)(iv) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 as it is likely to trivialise sexual conduct involving children and it erodes societal taboos against incest and sexual exploitation. This interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but, in light of the strong likelihood of injury of the promotion of attitudes that are likely to have a detrimental effect on society as a whole, the decision is reasonable and justified.